

Sparsholt C of E Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

4th November 2022



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Dates for your diaries

Inset Days 22/23

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Parents Evenings (online)

Monday 20th February 2023

Monday 26th June 2023

Monday 7th November

Tuesday 8th November

Wednesday 9th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow! What an amazing week we have had! It has been so wonderful to welcome you into school for 'Thrilling Thursday' and 'Fabulous Friday' and see the excitement on the children's faces as they share their learning with you. A few of our Governors joined parents yesterday for Thrilling Thursday and our Chair of Governors commented on how heart-warming it was to witness one particular child in Reception discuss at length and with such pride and enthusiasm all the amazing work they had done.

This week we also had an open morning for prospective parents. The children did us proud with some of the older children acting as hosts and guides. They all showed such incredible maturity and were able to enthusiastically and articulately talk about the school and their wonderful experiences here. All of the parents who visited commented on what a warm and welcoming environment it was and how impressed they were with all of the children.

Rowan Class had an exciting and informative visit to Sea City Museum in Southampton this week. They learned all about the history of Southampton through the ages, including the story of the Titanic. Oak Class were delighted to be invited to the annual wildlife lecture at Winchester College. The children were highly engaged and came back to school full of fun facts about Curlews!

As you know, the school is having to close on Monday due to a planned power outage which is scheduled to last most of the day. All the children will be coming home today with packs of remote learning activities. As many of our families in Sparsholt will also be without power, we have gone for 'tech-free' activities that all should be able to complete. Earlier today, you should have received an e-mail about our whole school poppy-making activity which we would also like children to undertake on Monday. It is a lovely opportunity for them to use their creative skills and ties in nicely with our Sparsholt Wheel of Wellbeing and 'Mindful Monday'.

Please don't forget that next week on Tuesday 8th November and Wednesday 9th November, we will be holding our online Parent-Teacher meetings. Please do make sure you have booked an appointment so that we can discuss with you, your children's progress and attainment. Whilst the school will be closed on Monday, the office staff will still be able to respond to emails, so please do e-mail if you have any questions or issues.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hanratty

Core Christian Value Awards

We were very proud to commend our Core Christian Value Award recipients in Celebration Worship today. Children from each class are nominated weekly for each of our Core Values: Courage, Compassion and Creativity.

	Courage	Compassion	Creativity
Willow	Wilf	Max	Henri
Beech	Aanika	Clara	Jacob
Maple	Mia	Dolly	Zevon
Rowan	Alfie	Lucy	Oscar
Oak	Adam / Sophia	Emily / Nancy H	Martha



General Information

Extended Provision – After School Club

Creative Kidz will be taking over our After-School Club extended provision from Tuesday 8th November.

Please note that Breakfast Club will be continuing as normal, operated by School Staff.

Please note that some After-School Club sessions are already nearing capacity, and so if you want to reserve a space then you will need to book with Creative Kidz as soon as possible.



**New and exciting
After School Club**

**SPARSHOLT PRIMARY SCHOOL
OPENING 8TH NOVEMBER 2022**

 Click here to
book online

     

www.creativekidz.org.uk
02380455699
admin@creativekidz.org.uk

Parents' Evenings

Last chance to book parent-teacher meetings for this term!

This term's parent-teacher meetings are on **Tuesday 8th November** and **Wednesday 9th November** for all year groups. We would like you to use the online parent evening meeting system to book a virtual appointment with your child's teacher.

Appointments will be available to book from 8am on Monday 31st October until midday (12pm) on Monday 7th November.

Please visit the school website and follow the links from the parent's section;

https://www.sparsholt.hants.sch.uk/web/parents_evenings

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School Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch at Sparsholt C of E Primary School



This year's Christmas Lunch will be held on **Thursday 15th December 2022**.

For children in Years R, 1 and 2, there is no additional cost for this meal. For children in KS2, the cost of the Christmas lunch will be £2.80, and can either be paid on your child's SCOPAY lunch account as usual (preferred option), or EXACT cash can be paid to the School Office in a named envelope. Please note that as per usual, **payment is required in advance** for your child to be able to have the hot lunch option.

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH CHILD IN YOUR FAMILY

Please choose one main course and one dessert, or if your child does not wish to have the Christmas lunch, please tick the packed lunch option at the bottom of the form.

Child's Name: Class:

Main Course

Turkey breast, pork sausage, gravy, roast potatoes, peas, sprouts & carrots

Roasted vegetable wellington, gravy, roast potatoes, peas, sprouts & carrots

Dessert

Christmas Shortbread

Christmas Cracknell

Packed lunch from home

For the kitchen to order stock we need confirmation of numbers by **2nd December latest** – please return this form to school office as soon as possible.

School Car Parking Guidelines

We would like to remind you of our car parking guidelines:

- Please **do not move cars** when the children walk to or from the bus.
- Please do not park over the **marked pedestrian walk-ways** in the car-park.
- Post Office staff, Sparsholt Parish Council and Sparsholt residents kindly request that you do not park in Woodman Lane, especially outside the Post Office or in the parking spaces designated for the Village Shop.
- **Park and Stride!** - An alternative to the car park would be to park in Woodman Close and walk up to school through the pathway at the back of the playground – we recommend this option. Please be careful not to impede disabled bays or private drives in front of some of the houses in the Close.
- **Please make full use of the bus if your child has a pass.**
- Finally, we ask you to be courteous at all times to other users of the car park.

Other Information

A message from Hampshire Music Service:

Would you like to learn how to play the Tenor Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, or Tuba, completely free of charge? For the last 17 years, the Hampshire County Youth Band (one of the UK's leading youth bands) have made this a possibility via our Endangered Species Scheme. We are looking for more players on instruments that, for one reason or another, have become endangered within our groups.

On **Saturday 12 November**, we are offering the opportunity for students to start learning to play an endangered species brass instrument with us. Initially, we will run a small series of taster sessions which we will give interested students the opportunity to try out the different instruments before committing to the scheme. These sessions will then evolve into an hour-long tuition and ensemble session on a weekly, term-time basis. If you would like to attend the taster sessions, please complete the link below so that we have your emergency contact details and any medical information we need to be aware of. Parents are allowed to stay on site, but there is not enough room for parents to remain in the teaching space during the session.

[Endangered Species Interest Form 2022](#)

We will be in touch nearer the time to confirm when your specific taster session will start on the 12 November. This will last for just under an hour, from either 10am or 11am.

Please note the following details about the Endangered Species scheme:

- This scheme is only available to children who are not yet received tuition on brass instruments
- The project is aimed primarily at children in year 4 or 5, who are not able to access school-based Hampshire Music Service tuition
- Sessions will take place at Perins Community School, New Alresford, Nr Winchester (the rehearsal base of the Hampshire County Youth Bands)
- Sessions will run between 10:00-12:00 (minimum duration 1 hour per grouping) on term-time Saturdays
- Tuition will be provided by experienced staff from Hampshire County Council's Music Service
- This is a 'fast track' opportunity. Experience has shown us that after four terms of tuition, students can, and are expected to achieve a playing standard of around grade 2 within 4 terms.
- January 2024 is when entry into the Hampshire County Junior Band is anticipated
- There are no costs, but we hold the expectation that students will commit to regular home-based practice in order to progress at the expected rate, attend our sessions weekly and, in January 2024, will take up membership of the Hampshire County Junior Band
- Places on this scheme are limited according to our stock of instruments. Staff will prioritise places for students based on instrument suitability, and when no HMS teaching is taking place in their school.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me via Emma Davis (emma.davis@hants.gov.uk); I will then get back to you.



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Endangered Species



FREE Instrument Loan!
FREE Tuition!
FREE Resources!

We are looking for Year 4 or 5 students to be the next generation of tenor horn, euphonium, trombone, and tuba players

The Hampshire County Youth Bands are re-launching their highly successful Endangered Species programme on Saturday 12 November. Students will take part in fast-track learning every term-time Saturday at our rehearsal base in Alresford, before joining the Hampshire County Junior Band

Register your interest no later than Thursday 10 November:

[Endangered Species Interest Form 2022](#)



FoSS Update

- A huge thank you to all of those who took part in the Brecon Challenge and for those who sponsored them. They managed to raise an incredible **£3345**. A special thank you to Sophie Rice for the £350 her work gave towards this through the Charities Trust.
- We are still busy counting the money from the coin challenge but will let you know when we do have the final amount.
- We know that we've not yet had bonfire night but Christmas is coming and it's time to start thinking about getting your Christmas tree! For years now, the village shop and school have joined together to do a big order. The trees are fantastic quality, a lovely shape and the feedback is always very positive. The great thing is that as well as getting a nice tree for your home, the school also make money on every tree ordered. **So please support the school and get your tree through us!**
- Another date for your diary is the Sparsholt Christmas Market on Sunday 4th December. FoSS will be running the ever popular cake stall, so look out for more information nearer the time and some requests for volunteer bakers.

Have a lovely weekend!



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SHOP & SCHOOL
ORDER YOUR NORDMANN FIR
BY FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

Christmas Tree

ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE IN SPARSHOLT SHOP & SCHOOL OR EMAIL
FRIENDSOFSPARSHOLTSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM

3-4 FT	£28
4-5 FT	£33
5-6 FT	£39
6-7 FT	£49
7-8 FT	£58



SPARSHOLT CHRISTMAS TREE ORDER FORM

Now in our 10th year, Sparsholt Village Shop and Sparsholt Primary School have teamed up with our reputable Christmas tree supplier to provide beautiful Nordmann Fir non drop trees at a reasonable price. The quality of the trees is excellent – if you want to know more, please ask around – we have provided hundreds of trees to the village and school over the years.

This year the trees will be available for collection outside the Village Hall on **Sunday 4th December**. Time to be confirmed. Simply fill in the form below and give it back to the shop or school office with payment by **Friday 25th November**.

All money raised will go to the school and the shop.

Name: _____

Telephone Number (Mobile & Home if poss) _____

Email address: _____



Premium grade Nordmann Fir (non drop)	Price per tree	Quantity required	Total amount (£)
3 – 4 ft	£28		
4 – 5 ft	£33		
5 – 6 ft	£39		
6 - 7 ft	£49		
7 – 8 ft	£58		
TOTAL			

For office use (please circle the method of payment given)

PAYMENT DETAILS: CASH / CHEQUE (made to FOSS) / ONLINE PAYMENT TO FOSS

Cheques payable to FOSS please

FOSS Bank Details: Account name: Friends of Sparsholt Sch

Bank: Santander

Sort code: 090153

Account no: 35353282